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UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM, EXTORTION. AT TEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE, [REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, BELMONT PARK RACE TRACK, ELMONT, NY, RECEIVED LET ADDRESSED TO MR. A. VANDERBILT, BELMONT RACE TRACK, ELMONT, LI, NY, POSTMARKED SEVEN THIRTY AM, MAY THREE, FIFTYONE, AT ELMONT, NY. LET READS AS FOLLOWS.....

"DEAR MR. A. VANDERBILT, YOU WILL MEET ME AT GATE SIX OF THE BELMONT RACETRACK. WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH. YOU WILL BE ALONG IN YOUR CAR AT EIGHT O-CLOCK PM, MAY TEN IF YOU TELL ANYONE I WILL KILL YOU AND WHOEVER YOU TELL AND IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY I WILL KILL YOU. P.S. THIS IS NO JOKE." 20514

PERSONS HAVING KNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS LET ARE VICTIM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDWARD P. COFFEY, FORMER ASST DIRECTOR, FBI.

ABOVE PERSONS INTERVIEWED FOR LOGICAL SUSPECTS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. POSTMASTER ELMONT, NY, ADVISED INSTANT LET POSSIBLY MAILED BETWEEN

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SEVEN AM AND SEVEN THIRTY AM AT POST OFFICE THIS DATE. NAMES OF EMPLOYEES AT VANDERBILT STABLES OBTAINED AND MR. EDWARD P. COFFEY WILL FURNISH APPLICANT FINGERPRINT CARDS BEARING SIGNATURES FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ORIGINAL LET BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU LAB THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LATENT PRINTS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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M. [Signature]

HP [Signature]

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ward Time of call: 7:10 p.m. DATE: May 3, 1951
FROM : A. BORN *1*
SUBJECT: A.L.T. 100-5 *1*

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To advise that agents are not being furnished to Mr. [REDACTED] to act as guards.

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S. S.childt, New York Division, requested to be advised concerning the request previously made by Mr. Vanderbilt to have his stay with him for the next few days to afford him protection.

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5/3/51 - I told him no.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd
 FROM : R. Rosen
 SUBJECT: ~~Call for \$10,000
from Mr. Vanderbilt - VICKI~~

DATE: May 3, 1931

With ~~reference~~ ⁱⁿ reference to the letter which Mr. Vanderbilt received the following is furnished:

He has been interviewed and the extortion letter has been obtained and is being sent to the Bureau. You will recall that according to the instructions received Vanderbilt is to be at Gate 6 with \$10,000 in money at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 1931. If he does not bring the money he is to be killed.

Agents have learned that Vanderbilt and he is apparently alone in New York. He is not known to have a car or a chauffeur. He has no radio set and wants to do his writing at Westway, Long Island and has an apartment in the city.

Agents who was at Vanderbilt's place at the time the interview was completed told the Agents that they would like very much to speak to Mr. Schmidt about this letter and have Mr. Schmidt call him directly personally on the matter.

He also indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt would like to meet with him for the next few days at Westway to give his protection to it. It may be needed from time to time to do in the event he got any further letters, etc.

There are no leads at his house and the Agents will see Mr. Vanderbilt tonite again.

NOTICE: Do not

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I do not believe that the actual author and perpetrator of the letter is in New York at present. I am not for the moment too sure. It could be that he is in another city or in a foreign country. It had better be living protection than certainly we have sufficient available to Mr. Vanderbilt through Coffey's sources. I don't think an Agent should be assigned to the protection job.

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Letter to Director
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It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY office inasmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Association.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-9-51 8:00 AM and

Recorded 5/9/51 pm:

Re: Unsub;
ALFRED ALFRED WALTER MILT--VICTIM
ExtractionFile #
Lab. # D-131722 LJb6
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Examination requested by: SAC, New York 9-1673

Date of reference communication: letter 5/7/51

Date Received: 5/9/51

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

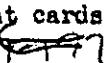
Examination by: Specimens submitted for examination

Fingerprint card of the following individuals bearing their known names: the suspects, for comparison purposes

K1 ROBERT E. FET JAMES



K2 LESTER MURRAY

Alfred Alfred WALTER MILT--VICTIM
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6. Card 6

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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16, New York

May 11, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau tele-

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. 1-131966

Examination requested by FBI, NEW YORK

Reference Letter L-1-51

Examination requested Document - fingerprint

R22 Fingerprint card for [redacted]

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Collation of evidence was not required as to witness
who originated [redacted] R22, whose signatures appear on his
fingerprints, due to the limited nature of the known
handwriting which is not at all comparable with the questioned
material.

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The two latent fingerprints on R22 were compared with the
fingerprint of "X" and "Y" but no identification was
effected.

Fingerprint R22 is returned herewith, no photographic copy
of R22 is taken and filed in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: SAC, Baltimore

May 21, 1951

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Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 10, 1951.

CHARGE
ALLEGED CRIMES . . . ROBBERY - VICTIM
EXAMINATION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Baltimore

RECORDED . . . 125 YOUR FILE NO. 9-460
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. D-131913

Reference

Letter 5-14-51

Examination requested

Document

Specimens

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- Q20 No one-page letters dated 3-1-48 and 2-24-47, a three-page letter and envelope written from [redacted] and a four-page letter dated ~1951, Q22 bearing the purported known writing of ERNEST JAMES. Also one copy of an "Employee's History Record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable" bearing the known signatures of ERNEST JAMES.
Q21 Five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable," one copy of "Employee's History Record," and one "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate," all bearing the known signatures of LESTER MURRAY.

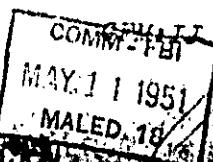
Result of examination EX-121 RECORDED

It was concluded that ERNEST JAMES, MAY 14, 1951 whose known handwriting is shown above on Q20, did not prepare Q1 and Q2.

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether Q1 and Q2 were prepared by LESTER MURRAY, MAY 14, due to the limited nature

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of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled together.

In accordance with your request specimens X20 and X21 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York

FILE NO. 9-460

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 5/9/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] /k/v
TITLE URGNO, SUBJECT; ALFRED G. WINNE ' VANDERBILT, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Four letters written by ERNEST JAMES and specimens of his signature obtained at Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Md. Specimens of LESTER MURRAY's signature only obtained at Sagamore Farms. Both MURRAY and JAMES usually obtained advances on their salary which is not unusual among the VANDERBILT employees. JAMES borrowed \$50 in March, 1951 and is repaying it on installments. Descriptions of JAMES and MURRAY set forth. Handwriting specimens are being forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory.

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DETAILS: AT GLYNDON, MARYLAND

[Redacted] Sagamore Farms, advised that he is employed by ALFRED GUYNE VANDERBILT, owner of the Sagamore Farms.

[Redacted] made available certain records which reflected that LESTER MURRAY was employed by the Sagamore Farms in 1947, and other records indicated that JAMES has been employed at the Sagamore Farms since 1937.

[Redacted] furnished three letters written by JAMES to [Redacted]. It was stated that each of these letters was believed to be in the handwriting of JAMES. They are further described as follows:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: C. H. [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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1. A letter dated March 1, 1947, on letterhead from [REDACTED] South Carolina, bearing the salutation "Dear Friend [REDACTED]" two-page letter signed "Lester" and a return address script "Lester" returned to work February 13, 1947.
 2. A letter addressed "Dear [REDACTED]" written from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] signed [REDACTED]. This is a two page letter half page letter written "Lester". Attached is an envelope addressed to [REDACTED]
 3. The third letter is dated March 21, 1947, at [REDACTED] and the salutation is "Hello [REDACTED]". This is a four page letter signed "Lester".
- [REDACTED] furnished a form known as "Employee's History record" which bears the signature of LESTER A. JAMES.

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In addition to the above material, [REDACTED] made available five yellow sheets of accounting paper headed up "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable." He stated that each of the employees was allowed additional money while he was working in California. Each of these five sheets bears the signature of LESTER A. JAMES and RAY. The five sheets are described as follows:

1. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 17, 1951.
2. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 31, 1951.
3. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending February 15, 1951.
4. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending February 28, 1951.
5. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending March 15, 1951.

In addition to the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy of the "Employee's history record" for LESTER A. JAMES which contains "RAY's signature and one copy of "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate" bearing [REDACTED] signature also.

All of the above material is being sent to the F.B.I. Laboratory for an appropriate examination.

Continuing, [REDACTED] stated that LESTER A. JAMES earns a salary of \$275 per month plus whatever amount he obtains from the "stakes." It was explained that employees are allowed a certain amount of the racing prizes when a horse that employee works with wins a stake.

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REPO. It was explained that JALES has been employed as an exercise boy, and at obtains advances during almost every pay period amounting to [redacted] \$20 and \$35. Occasionally these advances run more than that. [redacted] pointed out that JALES had two \$100 advances on the following dates: August 15 and August 31, 1950.

[redacted] stated that these advances are not unusual, and explained that a number of the employees are granted advances between pay-days, which are two weeks apart.

[redacted] related that JALES borrowed \$250 about March, 1951, and personally signed a note for this amount on April 5, 1951. [redacted] agreed to repay this loan through reductions from his pay. To date he has paid a total of \$50 toward retiring this note.

[redacted] advised that LESTER MURRAY, a groom employed at the Sagamore Farms, is paid at the rate of \$125 per month plus his earnings from stakes. It was explained that MURRAY may earn from \$500 to \$1,600 over the period of one year from these stakes.

It was pointed out that JALES' earnings from stakes amounted to about \$300 to \$1,600 per year.

[redacted] requested that all of the material described previously in this report be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He advised that this material contained the only available handwriting specimens of ALIEST JALES and LESTER MURRAY.

The following descriptions were obtained from the "Employee's history record" at the Sagamore Farms:

Name	LESTER MURRAY
Date of birth	August 15, 1890
Position	Groom at the Sagamore Farms
Race	Negro
Sex	Male

Education	None
Health	Good
Height	5' 4"
Weight	210 pounds
Place of birth	Norfolk, Virginia
Nationality	American
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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Name	ERNEST R. JAMES
Position	Exercise Boy
Date of Birth	September 3, 1907
Place of birth	Niagara Falls, New York
Nationality	American
Race	White
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Sex	[redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Health	Good
Height	5' 5"
Weight	110 pounds
Marital Status	Single
Name of person to be Notified in Case of Emergency	[redacted]
Education	Elementary
Former place of work	[redacted]

1. PARENTAL ORIGIN DECLARATION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore dated 5/7/51.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen [initials]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 3:55 p.m.

ASAC Hargett called from New York and advised that an authorized complaint had been filed against subject in connection with the above-captioned violation; that the subject had been arraigned before the United States Commissioner and in default of \$1,000 bond was being taken by the United States Marshal to the Federal House of Detention on West Street, where he will be held segregated from the older prisoners until different arrangements can be made.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 2:45 p.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that United States Attorney Frank J. Parker of the Eastern District of New York, after interviewing the [redacted] has authorized filing Federal process charging a violation of the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act. The boy will be arraigned at 3:15 p.m. today, and the United States Attorney has requested \$1,000 bond.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

I am glad that at last common sense is prevailing over sentimentiality

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WASH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF JUSTICE
INVESTIGATION SECTION

MAY 7 - 1951

Re. 5348

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM., EXTORTION. BALTO CONTACT [REDACTED] SAGAMORE FARMS, GLYNDON, MARYLAND, AND OBTAIN ALL HANDWRITING IN FILES PERTAINING TO LESTER MURRAY AND ERNEST JAMES, BOTH OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED BY VICTIM AT BELMONT PARK RACETRACK, WHO ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN INSTANT CASE. SAGAMORE FARMS ALSO OWNED BY VICTIM AND ALL EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENCE MAINTAINED THERE. FORWARD SPECIMENS IMMEDIATELY TO FBI LAB, ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO. EXPEDITE.

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cc: Mr. Harbo

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
ALFRED EATON VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Call: 9:22 a.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that Mr. Vanderbilt has decided that he wants to personally appear at Gate Six at the Belmont Race Track tonight for the pay-off which the extortionist has set for 8 p.m. SAC Scheidt will have over-all supervision of the activities from the radio control station in the New York Office, and ASAC Hargett will afford on-the-spot supervision, heading a squad of approximately twenty-five Agents.

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Mr. Vanderbilt will drive his personally owned automobile to the track, leaving home at 7:30 p.m. This will enable him to arrive at Gate Six at 7:50 p.m. Special Agent [redacted] with walkie-talkie radio equipment, will be hidden in the back of Mr. Vanderbilt's car. While proceeding from his home to the track, Mr. Vanderbilt will be surveilled by a car containing Mr. Hargett and other Bureau Agents. This is to make certain that the extortionist is not surveilling Mr. Vanderbilt.

Gate Six faces on Hempstead Avenue, which carries heavy automobile traffic. There is a wooded area with several buildings in the vicinity. A cordon of Agents will cover the pay-off spot by utilizing several houses and three stables which are in the immediate area.

The Bureau's sound truck will be in the area and will have a sign on it indicating it belongs to a feed distributor. Additional automobiles will be held in readiness at appropriate distances throughout the pay-off area.

Mr. Hargett has assured that every precaution has been taken to insure the personal safety of Mr. Vanderbilt. Hargett has conducted a discreet trial run of the plans, and everything is in readiness. Mr. Vanderbilt has indicated that he will stay at the gate for a period of approximately thirty minutes, and that if the extortionist does not show by 8:30 he will return home.

ACTION TAKEN:

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ASAC Hargett was instructed to keep the Bureau informed by telephone of every development and to make certain that the Bureau is advised immediately of the events that transpire at the scene of the pay-off tonight.

cc - Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: G.M.C., New York

May 24, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

[REDACTED]
ATT. F.B.I. GEYER AND VANDERBILT,
NEW YORK

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. D-132062 R

Examination requested by New York

Reference Letter S-11-51

Examination requested Document - Fingerprint

Specimen

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [REDACTED]
ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]
Results of examination

It was concluded that [REDACTED] K23, prompted

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimen K23 to be returned herewith. Photographic copies of K23 are retained in the files of the Laboratory. *Specimen K23 is retained in the files of the Laboratory. Photographic copies of K23 are retained in the files of the Laboratory.*
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Director, FBI Att: FBI Laboratory
 Att: Assistant Director Harbo
SAC, New York

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA, EDNY VICTIM
EXHORITION

There is enclosed a letter postmarked 5/13/51 at Brooklyn, New York, addressed to Assistant U. S. Attorney HIRSCH, Brooklyn Federal Building, Brooklyn, New York, which letter reads as follows:

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"Show this to ALFRED G. VANDERBILT or else

"You caught my stooge. Now come across with \$15,000 or you'll be dead in 5 days! If you'll cooperate put an ad in the want ad's of the world telegram saying

'Boy Wanted
Good Pay
Call De 2-8400'
(De ATH)

"K. ILLER

"U.S. I've really got a gun."

It is requested that this communication be afforded a document-fingerprint examination.

The following employees of the USA's office, EDNY, are known to have handled this communication:

PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA

GEORGE PERCY, AUSA

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clerks

It is requested that this letter be afforded expeditious attention and that the original letter be returned to the New York office in the event the communication is requested to return it to the subject.

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UNSUB; ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT VIKER. REURLET MAY FOUR. SIGNATURES FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPARABLE HANDWRITING ON EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE FOR DEFINITE CONCLUSION TO BE REACHED. FROM SUCH AN EXAMINATION AS CAN BE MADE OF LIMITED KNOWN HANDWRITING NOTHING PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT NOTED ANY FINGERPRINT CARDS EXCEPT SIGNATURES ERNEST ROBERT JAMES AND LESTER MURRAY. SUGGEST ADDITIONAL UNDICTATED KNOWN HANDWRITING JAMES AND MURRAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST NOTHING BE DONE WHICH WOULD ALERT THEM TO POSSIBILITY THIS LINE OF INQUIRY PRIOR TO PAYOFF. LATENTS DEVELOPED ON ENVELOP ALL IDENTIFIED WITH FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED. FINGERPRINT CARDS WILL BE HELD UNTIL AFTER PAYOFF DATE AND WILL THEN BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE. REC.

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NO IDENTIFICATION DEFECTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.
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FOR LETTER. NO WATERMARK IN ENVELOPE PAPER. LETTER AND
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TO : Director, FBI DATE: May 8, 1951
 FROM : Attn: Assistant Director ROLF T. HARBO,
 FBI Laboratory
 SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] 131696
 LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination, in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [REDACTED], an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [REDACTED] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [REDACTED] also is an employee of the victim.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-11-51 9:00 AM amb

UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
ALFRAD G. LUMPKIN VANDERBILT
Re: VIKING

File # 9-20514-1 b6
Lab. # D-131964 DJ b7C

Lab File

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date received: 5-10-51

Date of reference communication: Let 5-8-51

Examination requested: Doc. fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

X22 Fingerprint card for bearing his known signature.

Alfred G. Lumpkin 16-7980

and 10 prints
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AL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB., ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT; VIKEX. REURLET MAY EIGHT. DEFINATE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS SIGNATURES THEIR FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPARABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

Calls: 9:02 p.m.
10:25 p.m.

SUBJECT: [redacted]

ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

SAC Scheidt advised that [redacted] a 15 year old boy was taken into custody by Bureau Agents at 8:20 p.m. tonight when he appeared at the pay-off location at Belmont Race Track designated in a \$10,000 extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. The boy admitted having written the extortion note. He was released to the custody of his parents upon instructions of U. S. Attorney Frank Parker of the Eastern District of New York who indicated further consideration would be given the case in the morning.

[redacted] claimed that he had written the extortion note after having seen Mr. Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing journal. He said that it was his own idea; that no one prompted him to write it; and that he really didn't think anyone would take it seriously. He added that he appeared at the pay-off spot just to see what would happen. He was taken into custody without incident when he loitered around the pay-off location for about 20 minutes after Mr. Vanderbilt arrived in his automobile.

Mr. Vanderbilt, who previously indicated his concern over receiving the extortion note, advised SAC Scheidt in New York after the arrest was made that he was greatly relieved and highly pleased at the efficient manner in which this case had been handled by the Bureau.

ACTION TAKEN:

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In accordance with the instructions of the U. S. Attorney, [redacted] was released to the custody of his parents.

In view of the age of the subject and since no Federal Process has been issued, Mr. Nichols indicated that the New York Division should not issue a press release and Mr. Scheidt was so advised.

Spencer Drayton is being informed by Mr. Scheidt of the developments.

cc: Mr. Nichols
FLP:rta
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Certainly "mazy" handling
of a potential criminal -

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: May 11, 1951

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ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ASAC Hargett of New York called Holloman this morning for authority to make a press release in the above-captioned case.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt received an extortion letter threatening his life if he did not leave \$10,000 at Gate #6, Belmont Race Track at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 1951. The New York Office covered this area last night and observed the subject who is a 15-year-old boy and in the 8th grade at school hiding behind trees and cars and carrying a cap pistol. He was surveilled and at dark was approached by the Agents. After talking to him for about one hour he admitted writing the extortion letter.

He comes from a family in which there are five girls and both the mother and father work. The family lives near Belmont Race Track.

Last night the Assistant United States Attorney in New York was contacted and he recommended against placing this boy in jail and recommended that he be placed in the custody of his parents and that this morning the United States Attorney would talk to the boy and would decide as to what to do. Mr. Hargett stated that in all probability there would be no prosecution but that the boy would be placed in the custody of his parents under the system that is followed in New York in the handling of juveniles. 20014-18

Mr. Vanderbilt is very happy over the solution of the case and was amazed at its success. He is very happy and excited over the apprehension of the boy and has interposed no objection to a press release.

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The New York Office last night felt that there should be no press release as there would be no prosecution but this morning Mr. Hargett and Mr. Scheidt recommend that in view of the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt is the victim and that there necessarily will be publicity on the matter in view of the number of people at the race track and in the United States Attorney's office who know about the case that a short statement to the press should be made; that such a statement to the press would merely reflect the facts, would not name the boy, and would state that the facts had been presented by the New York Office to the United States Attorney's office who had recommended last night the release of the boy to the custody of his parents. They felt that such a release would be of credit to the

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
Re: [redacted]

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Bureau as the boy was not placed in jail but was returned to his parents last night.

The United States Attorney was to talk to the boy this morning and if he does authorize prosecution which is not likely of course these facts will be made known to the press without naming the boy.

I approved the above procedure and the New York Office is making a short statement to the press in line with the above instructions.

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I don't share such mandatory sentencing. A 15 year old boy certainly is not just a "little child". It is this type of thinking that breeds the viciousness of juvenile hoodlums & gangs. If N. Y. City won't do anything then top fed state authorities do apt. To merely return him to his parents & such parents as they are will result in nothing good.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

May 5, 1951

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

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Re: Unknown Subject
ALLEGED GOLF LANDS BILL
VIA FAX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Information requested by:

New York

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. 6-131676

Reference:

Letter dated 4-3-51

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope addressed to Mr. A. VANDENHILL, Belmont Racetrack,
Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
Q2 Acetate mylar letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VANDENHILL You will
find attached hereto" ending "Yours etc." this is no
longer than one page.

Results of Examining:

Q1 and Q2 were examined and appropriate prints of the anonymous letter taken, but nothing of scientific or photographic value was found in the documents, no being made available for future reference and/or comparison.

Q1 is a social envelope of a style of card which is
in color. It has printed on the back of this white card, lines, reading "Dear Mr. A. VANDENHILL,
you will find attached hereto" and "watermark" and
was sent at the time the evidence was seized by the

Q2 is a sheet of paper, a hand signed on which is
1 1/3 by 1 1/2 inches. This sheet
which appears to be government
form number 1040, "Statute of Limitations".

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Q1 and Q2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated with silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event Q1 and Q2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to resubmit them to the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: May 3, 1951
 FROM : E.S. [initials] Alt: Ass't Dir. HERBO, FBI Laboratory
 SUBJECT: SAC, New York
 ERKME. SUSPECT;
 ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

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There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Racetrack, Elmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont race-track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-12-51 9:00 AM amb

May 5, 1951

Re: A, New York

File # 9-20514-14

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory which examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

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Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:
ALB-ID 0-13167 (W.M. B.M.)

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:
J-13167

New York

Letter dated 4-9-51

Document - Fingerprint

- 1 Envelope addressed Specimens submitted for examination Acetate,
Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VAN W. BILL You will
receive at gara....," ending "P. S. this is not a joke."

Result of Examination:

41 and 42 were compared with the appropriate sections of the
homicide master file without effecting an identification. Appropriate
photographic copies of these documents are being added to this file for
future reference and comparison purposes.

Specimen 1 is a small correspondence style of envelope which is white
in color and has a light blue lining on the inside. This lining has
white wavy lines running through it at regular intervals. This envelope
measures approximately 4 by 7 1/4 inches and bears no watermark. No stamp
was present on this and this evidence was received by the laboratory.

2 is a sheet of white bond paper which measures approximately
10 1/3 by 7 1/4 inches. This sheet of paper bears a fragmentary watermark
which appears to be the reverse of watermark, which is used on most of the
paper used by the United States Government.

Specimen 2 is addressed to A.M. - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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.1 and .2 were created for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of those documents was treated for silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event .1 and .2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to retain them to the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens .1 and .2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

BEING RETAINED.

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ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX, JUVENILE

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DELINQUENCY ACT. EXTORTION PLANT COVERAGE AT GATE SIX, BELMONT PARK RACE TRACK FROM SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM TO EIGHT THIRTY PM MAY TENTH, FIFTYONE. SUBJ, A YOUTH AGED FIFTEEN, OBSERVED LOITERING AT AND ABOUT LOCATION OF PAYOFF, GATE SIX BELMONT PARK RACETRACK. SUBJ UPON LEAVING SCENE OF PAYOFF AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TWENTY FIVE PM WAS QUESTIONED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ADMITTED WRITING AND MAILING EXTORTION LETTER TO VICTIM ON STATIONERY OBTAINED FROM HIS SISTER.

PER INSTRUCTIONS OF USA FRANK J. PARKER, EDNY, SUBJ RELEASED
IN CUSTODY OF HIS PARENTS DURING NIGHT OF MAY TENTH FIFTYONE.

SUBJ FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT AND ADMITTED GUILT THIS DATE.

HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OBTAINED. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED

BEFORE USC EDWARD FAY, EDNY, THIS DATE BY SA [redacted]

VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTIONS E

EIGHT SEVEN SIX. SUB J APPRAINED BEFORE USC FAY. BAIL SET AT ONE.

THOUSAND DOLLARS AND SUB I REMANDED TO FEDERAL HOUSE OF DETENTION IN

EXHIBIT T - HANDWRITING SPECIMENS AND FINGERPRINTS BEING FORWARDED TO

POLICE FINGERPRINT AND DOCUMENT EXAMINATION THIS PAGE

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MENTS MADE TO LODGE SUBJ IN SEPARATE QUARTERS AT FEDERAL HOUSE OF
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Called Laboratory

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols
FROM : ... FBI LA
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
 ALFRED GWYNNE JONES; RAPILT, VICTIM
 AND O. J. COFFEE

DATE: May 3, 1951

CALL 10:42 a.m.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, prominent sportsman, had today received threatening mail at Belmont Park an extortion letter demanding that he make a payment of \$10,000 or that hurt would befall him. The payoff date was set for May 10, 1951, and instructions given were that the payoff be made through a contact to be met at gate 1, Belmont Park, in the early morning of May 9, 1951.

Mr. Coffey called Mr. Coffey of the Anoroughted Racing Association and Coffey relayed the matter to B.G. Scheidt.

Mr. Coffey stated that the exact wording of the note was unknown but that the agents were en route to Belmont Park to interview the victim and secure the date. **20514-21**

Mr. Harpell was instructed to keep the Bureau closely advised of all developments.

cc Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

May 10, 1951

SAC BALTIMORE
SAC NEW YORK

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VIKEX. REBALET MAY EIGHT.
CONCLUDED EXORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE NOT WRITTEN BY SIGHT
JAMES. DEFINITE CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND
ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY LESTER MURRAY BECAUSE KNOWN WRITING CONSISTS
ONLY OF SIGNATURES WHICH ARE LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, F.B.I. ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,
FROM: Baltimore ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HANCOCK DATE: 7/8/51
SUBJECT: W.H.P., and C. J. L. LATENT PRINTS

... to Director and Balto. 5/7/51.

~~Wager, Salamore Farms, Glyndon, Md.,
THIS IS A FIELD NUMBER WHICH CONTAINS SPECIMENS OF
THE FLOWERS OF LILAC, WISTERIA, AND IN STEA MURRAY.~~

... at the bottom of the letter dated 3/1/49 written "To... [redacted]". The salutation "Dear friend like" and the closing "Yours very truly like," and letter ends & postscript "like, I am sending you my love to all, 1949."

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from
John F. D. Morrissey, 16 Murray St., Murray Hills, New York.

Dear Sirs,
A short letter written by "Fiddle" - during the salutation
"Fiddle" written at 11 a.m. Apr 2, 1812 "Fiddle" St., Niagara

It should be noted that we have three different telegrams reported to have been written by ~~John~~ **JAMES** to [REDACTED] at the Savamore area.

4. In addition to the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy
of the "Fugitive Slave" record bearing the signature of

Two sets of yellow account-type paper headed "Alfred
J. Schmitt - San Mateo" which bears the signature of both
Alfred J. Schmitt and Ruth Murray. These sheets are for travelling
expenses for the periods ending Jan. 15, 1951; Jan. 31, 1951;
Feb. 15, 1951; Feb. 28, 1951; and Mar. 15, 1951.

• *“I am a registered ‘History Doctor’ keeping the signature*

For example, it is possible to exception "effacement" bearing the name of the author.

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1989: *Impact of In-Season Delivery*

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Re: UNSUB, ALBERT GENE VANDERLT
Victim
"CXC 10"

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The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an examination which has been requested by the New York Office.

[REDACTED] no furnished the above material, requested that all of it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST JAMES A. LESTER DAY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAROLD
SUBJECT: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: May 11, 1951.

[REDACTED] Subject:
VTP:Y ERIC VANDER PLAT, Victim

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Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting contained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

Enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.
I would appreciate your earliest examination.

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[REDACTED] SUBJ, ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM,
EXTORTION, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT. SUBJ ARRAIGNED ON INFO AS
JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE INCH, EDNY. TRIAL
SET FOR ELEVEN AM, MAY TWENTY FIRST NEXT. ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL
CONTINUED. SUBJ REMANDED TO FHD IN DEFAULT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

May 16, 1951

WAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED EWYNNE VANDERBILT, VINTAGE.

BLINDLET MAY ELEVEN. CONCERNING Q ONE AND Q TWO WRITTEN BY ALFRED
MARTINEZ HERZMANN. TWO LADING FINGERPRINTS ON Q TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

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[REDACTED] SUBJ, ALFRED GWYNN VANDERBILT, VICTIM,
EXTORTION. FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, THIS DATE RECOM-
MENDED THAT SUBJ BE SENTENCED FOR THE TERM OF HIS MINORITY TO THE
NATURAL BRIDGE CAMP IN GREENLEE, VA..

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AVAILABLE IN ALMANAC FILE.

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TO : MR. LADD,
 FROM : A. ROSEN *K*
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: May 24, 1951

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION
 FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

[REDACTED] was sentenced this morning by Federal Judge Robert Inch, SDNY, to the custody of the Attorney General "for the term of his minority." This sentence will be served in the Natural Bridge Camp at Greenlee, Virginia, according to Supervisor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a juvenile who wrote the extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt demanding \$10,000 under threat of death. He was previously arrested by Bureau Agents at Belmont Race Track on May 10, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT:

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

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For the Bureau's information, a detailed description, together with a diagram of the techniques and methods employed to cover the pay-off scene in the above captioned case, may be found in the report of SA [redacted] dated June 5, 1951 at New York.

It is pointed out that the use of radio equipment in this instance proved highly valuable and enabled the command car to properly direct a surveillance of the subject during a period of approximately forty minutes. The suspicious actions of the subject as observed by each post set up were coordinated at the command car and led the command to issue instructions to surveil the suspect which might not have developed were there not constant radio contact with all points.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 9-1673 eg

AIRPORT MADE AT JFK - NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3-5,7-51 14,17/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
[Redacted]		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT	
ALLEGED CRIMINAL VICTIM - VICTIM			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim received a letter postmarked 5/3/51 at Belmont, NY, addressed to him at Belmont High School. Victim was threatened with death in instant letter if he did not appear at school on 5/10/51 at 8:00 p.m. with \$1,000. Immediate investigation failed to disclose the identity of subject. Instant letter forwarded to Laboratory and latent prints developed. Pay-off covered by Bureau's name and subject, a youth 15 years of age, was observed loitering in vicinity in a suspicious manner. When questioned by agents, subject admitted writing and mailing instant letter. Subject, per instructions of USA, EDNY, permitted to remain in custody of parents on night of 5/10/51. On 5/11/51 subject taken into custody. Fingerprints, handwriting specimen and signed statement obtained. Subject's prints and handwriting identified at FBI Laboratory. Authorized corporation filed and subject arraigned before US Commissioner on 5/11/51 as a juvenile delinquent in violation of Title 16, Sections 5031 and 576. Probation Officer, EDNY advised that subject remanded to Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. Subject arraigned on information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, on 5/17/51, and on 5/21/51 subject found guilty in trial in Juvenile Court, on 5/24/51.

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Judge INCH recommended that subject be sentenced for term of minority to Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia. Description of subject and victim set out.

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REMARKS: This is a joint investigation of the following agents: Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT, Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD E. HARGETT, and SAS

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On May 3, 1951, [REDACTED] of the Thoroughbred Protective Bureau, advised this office that ALFRED BELL, M.I.T. had received an extortion note addressed to him at his station, Belmont Park Race Track, on the morning of May 3, 1951.

Accordingly, SA [redacted] and the writer proceeded to Pelmont Park Stoco Truck, Elmont, Long Island, and [redacted] the Vanderbilt stables, advised that at approximately 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 1951, he received a letter addressed to the victim. Inasmuch as the handwriting in the envelope was very poor, [redacted] concluded that the writer was merely an individual employed at the stables, and as was customary in correspondence of this type, he opened the letter.

[redacted] exhibited the letter to Mr. A. Vandyke, at the
White Track, Elmont, Long Island, and was postmarked at New York,
New York, May 3rd, 7:30 a.m. The letter read as follows:

"Dear Mr. J. Mandeville

"I will meet me at gate 6 of the station, with 10 thousand dollars in cash, and we'll go along "in my car at 6 o'clock P.M." I will get you to the right hotel and tell you what to do with the money. I will be there at 6 P.M. in my car."

... that he then telephonically informed the police of the existence of the letter to the victim. When asked if he could think of any logical numbers:

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[redacted] was requested to maintain a trash coverage in the dormitory maintained for VANDERBILT's employees at the track and to obtain, if possible, samples of stationery from the various employees.

[redacted] turned the letter over to SA [redacted] and the writer and it was exhibited to Mr. VANDERBILT at the office of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, Room 925, Chrysler Building, Irvington Avenue, New York City, on the afternoon of May 3, 1951. VANDERBILT at that time could not think of any possible suspects and he returned the letter to the writer so that it could be processed by the FBI Laboratory. Mr. VANDERBILT, at the time of the initial interview, voluntarily agreed to circulate a key-off at gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track at 8:30 a.m. on May 10, 1951, per the instructions in the extortion letter, in the event the subject was not identified in the interim.

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The extortion letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on May 3, 1951 for a document and fingerprint examination. On May 4, 1951 a number of applicant fingerprint cards containing signatures pertaining to the employees of the Vanderbilt stables were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes, together with the fingerprint cards [redacted] for elimination purposes.

On May 5, 1951, the FBI Laboratory advised that latent fingerprints were developed in the extortion letter and that the sheet of paper on which the note was written bore a fragmentary watermark which appeared to be the government watermark which is used on most paper used by the United States Government. As a result of the above information, stationery stores in the vicinity of Belmont Park Race Track were canvassed with negative results.

Inasmuch as instant letter was postmarked at Belmont, New York, 7:30 a.m., May 3, 1951, [redacted] at Belmont, New York, was interviewed for the purpose of establishing, if possible, the exact time that instant letter was mailed and the location of the mailbox in which it was dropped. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as the letter was postmarked 7:30 a.m. there was a good possibility that the letter was mailed sometime between 7:30 and 7:30 a.m. at the Belmont Post Office on the morning of May 3rd, since mail picked

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up from the outlying boxes on the night before was run through the cancelling machine prior to 7:00 a.m. on that date. [redacted]
[redacted] could think of no one who was in the post office between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. on May 3, 1951 with the exception of [redacted]
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[redacted] was located and interviewed on the evening of May 3, 1951 by S/ [redacted] and the writer, and he advised that on the morning of May 3, 1951 he picked up his mail as usual between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m., but that during the period while he was at the post office he did not observe any other individuals there. Before interviewing [redacted] it was determined that he had been employed at the Whitney stables for the past twenty years and was considered a reliable and trustworthy employee.

On May 14, 1951, the following arrangements were made to cover the pay-off at Gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track:

A detailed survey of the area in and around Gate 6, as well as the entire track and surrounding areas, was made. Appropriate maps of the area were obtained. The survey indicated that the area in which the pay-off was to take place contained trees, hedges, flower houses and stables, which offered a number of problems in view of the fact that there was no light whatsoever except at Gate 6 at 8:00 p.m., the scheduled time of the pay-off. At this time of the year, in that area, it is just about dusk at 8:00 p.m.

Gate 6 is located on the north side of Hempstead Turnpike, a main highway artery running east and west, containing six lanes heavily trafficked at high speeds. The mouth of the entrance to Gate 6 narrows down from a width of forty feet at Hempstead Turnpike to a width of twenty feet at the gate, which lies twenty feet in front of Hempstead Turnpike. An iron picket fence six feet high curves in on each side of the mouth and the visibility on the track side of the fence is obscured by a hedge about five feet tall. A drive twenty feet wide extends directly north from the gate for a distance of 240 feet where it forms a T intersection with another drive running north and south to the stable area.

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The victim, per instructions, drove inside Gate 6 and parked his auto at approximately 7:57 p.m., facing north on the east side of the drive just inside of the gate. On the floor in the rear of the victim's auto, an agent, small in stature, was concealed with a shotgun and a walkie-talkie, referred to as WT-1. This unit was completely concealed in the victim's auto, which was surveilled from his residence to the pay-off spot by car #15, the command car, and car #284.

Car #15, containing three agents equipped with a shotgun, took a position on Hempstead Turnpike about 250 feet east of Gate 6. Car #284, containing two agents equipped with a machine gun, took a position 200 feet west of Gate 6 on Hempstead turnpike. One agent was detailed to remain at the victim's residence to handle any phone calls that might be directed there by the subject.

The sound truck, established as unit #1, with three agents concealed in the rear, at approximately 7:00 p.m. proceeded to a point about twenty yards inside Gate 6 on the east side of the drive; the driver emerged from the truck and took cover in the track watchman's office on the west side of the drive, thirty feet in from Gate 6. Unit #1 was equipped with a machine gun and three mild ray lamps. The agents concealed in this unit had an unobstructed view of the victim's auto, as did the driver, who had stationed himself in the watchman's office.

Car #14, containing three agents, drove into the track at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the agents, equipped with a walkie-talkie, designated for identification purposes as WT-2, took cover in a glass-enclosed porch of a cottage fifty feet east of Gate 6 from which they also could observe the pay-off scene.

In a one room office building on the west side of Gate 6 driveway, about 100 feet north of the gate, two agents stationed themselves. From this building they also had a view of Rte 6 and the pay-off scene. In barn #14, eighty feet north of Gate 6 and twenty feet to the west of the driveway, one agent stationed himself. In barn #7, directly west of barn #14, another agent stationed himself. From these two positions, the area directly west of the pay-off scene was fully covered.

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At approximately 7:15 p.m., car #13 took cover in the area where the Gate 6 drive forms a T intersection with a drive running north and south through the stable area. This car was in a position to observe anyone approaching Gate 6 from the stable area.

Car #10 containing two agents was established at Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and car #84, containing two agents, took position at the intersection of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. Biltmore Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about forty feet west of Gate 6, and Fieldmere Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about thirty feet west of Gate 6.

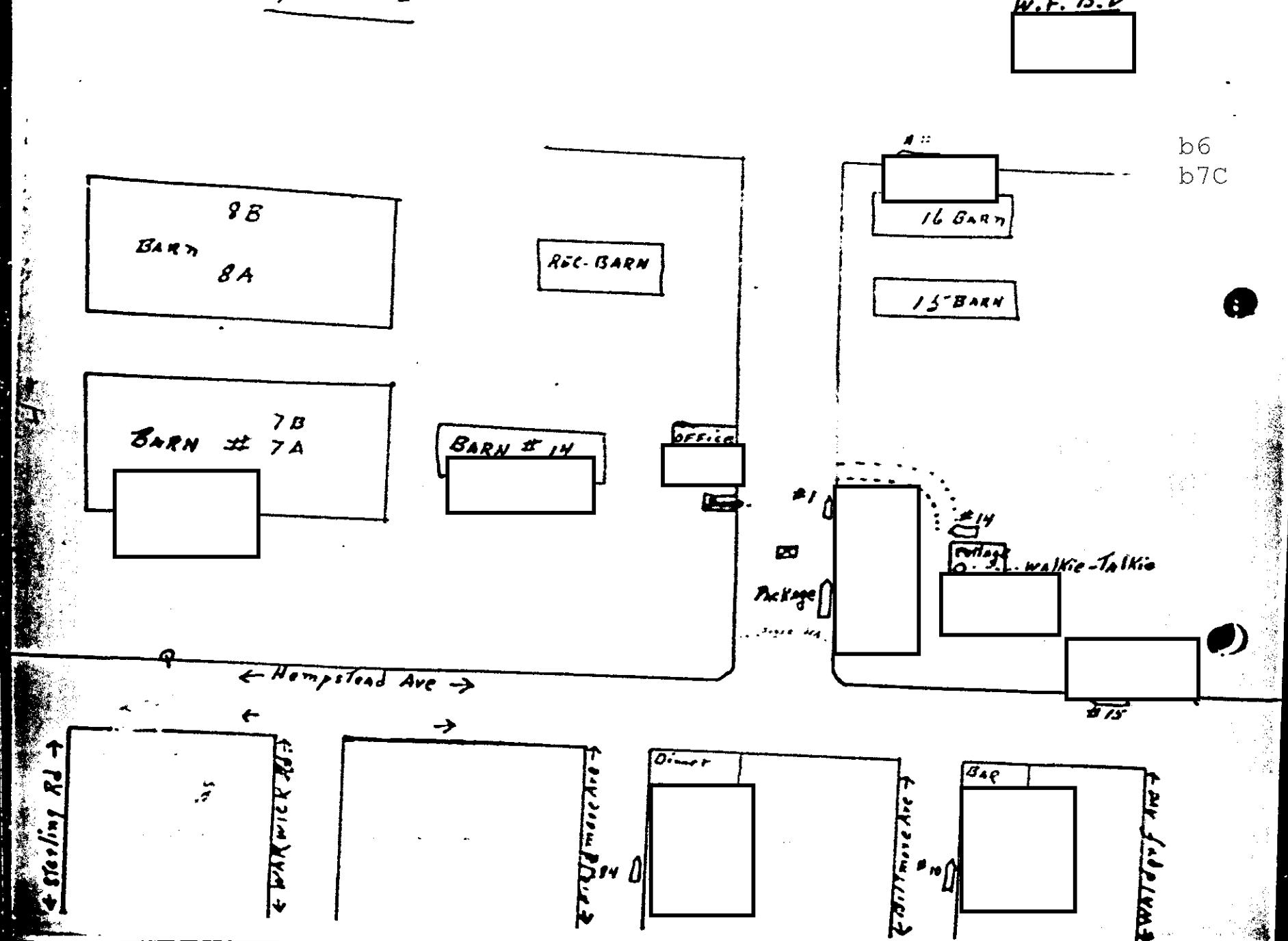
Two agents took cover in a diner located on the northeast corner of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and two agents stationed themselves in a bar and grill on the southeast corner of Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. From these positions the agents could observe anyone approaching Gate 6.

All automobiles used on this surveillance were equipped with two-way radios and radio station WFBV was on the air to handle all ground calls from agents on foot. During the course of the entire surveillance, perfect contact was maintained between the radio cars, the sound truck, the walkie-talkie, and station WFBV.

There is being inserted in the following page of this report a diagram which sets forth the position of the automobiles and agents utilized in covering the pay-off.

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At approximately 8:00 p.m., a youth about fifteen to sixteen years of age, wearing a blue sweater, was observed approaching Gate 6 by Agent [redacted]. The youth walked slowly passed the victim's auto and Agent [redacted] noticed that the youth glanced furtively at the auto as he walked by. The youth was observed by Agent [redacted] as he slowly walked up Gate 6 drive a distance of 240 feet, where the drive forms a T intersection with a road running east and west through the stable area.

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SA [redacted] who had stationed himself in the track watchman's office, also observed this youth as he wandered through Gate 6 past the victim's car and up the driveway. Agent [redacted] by telephone, communicated with station WNYW the fact that he had also observed this youth standing on the south side of Hempstead Turnpike directly opposite Gate 6 from approximately 7:45 p.m. on that evening.

As the youth approached the T intersection at the northern end of Gate 6 drive, he came into the view of Agents [redacted] who communicated this fact by radio to the command car. The youth was observed dawdling around that area for a few minutes looking back in the direction of Gate 6. He then proceeded to walk through the stable area in a southerly direction, and Agent [redacted] was instructed to follow on foot. The youth, as he walked through the track area, constantly looked behind and from the shadow of trees and bushes, stopped to observe the pay-off spot. He eventually emerged from the track area via Gate 6 and walked west on Hempstead Turnpike to the entrance to Gate 6, where he hesitated and walked across Hempstead Turnpike to a point opposite Gate 6.

The youth at this point was in clear vision of car #11 which had taken a position west of Gate 6. Approximately 24 minutes had elapsed and during this period the youth was in the constant view of agents surveilling the pay-off scene.

At approximately 8:25 p.m. the youth started to walk south on Fieldmore Avenue away from the track. An agent from car #10 and an agent from car #84 joined in the surveillance. Car #284 also joined the surveillance, having been

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dispatched by radio, and when it became apparent at 8:30 p.m. that the suspect was not going to return to the scene of the pay-off, and since it was now completely dark, the agents surveilling the youth on foot were instructed, through instructions dispatched to car #284, to close in on the youth and question him.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., about two blocks south of Hempstead Turnpike on Fieldmore Avenue, SAS [redacted] approached the youth, removed a Hopalong Cassidy cap pistol from his person (this pistol was lodged in the youth's belt between his shirt and trousers), and questioned him in Bureau car #284.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. in the presence of SA [redacted] the youth admitted mailing an extortion note to Mr. VANDERBILT on stationery that he had obtained from his sister, [redacted]. The youth also stated that he was fifteen years of age.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on the evening of May 10, 1951, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted FRANCIS J. PARIER, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, and advised him of the basic facts of this case and requested Mr. PARIER's opinion as to what disposition should be made of the subject. Mr. PARIER instructed that subject be permitted to return to the home of his parents for the evening of May 10, 1951 until the morning of May 11, 1951, at which time he be picked up by agents of the Bureau and brought to his office.

On May 11, 1951, SA [redacted] and the writer picked up the subject at his home at [redacted]. At that time the subject's older sister, [redacted] admitted giving him a piece of stationery identical with that used to write the extortion note, and she furnished samples of this paper to the writer. [redacted] stated that this stationery had been given to her as a Christmas gift.

The subject, accompanied by his mother, was driven to the New York Office where he was fingerprinted and photographed. Handwriting specimens were also obtained, as was a

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signed statement in which the subject admitted writing and mailing the extortion letter previously set forth in this report to Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject insisted that it was his own idea and that he had no accomplices. He stated that he had gotten the idea to write to Mr. VANDERBILT from a morning article he had read about Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject stated that he had never been in trouble before, but it was remembered that in June 1950 he ran away from home and did not return until November 1950, when he was picked up by police in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania for being on the streets at twelve o'clock midnight.

At 11:45 a.m. on May 11, 1951, subject was taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney PHILLIP FIRSCH, Eastern District of New York, where he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, and the nature of the charge against him was explained. [redacted] Probation Officer, Eastern District of New York, was advised of the fact that the subject, a youth, was in custody.

On May 11, 1951, an authorized complaint was filed before United States Commissioner EDWARD FAY, Eastern District of New York, by the writer, charging the subject with violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. The subject was arraigned and in default of \$1,000 bond, was remanded to the Federal House of Detention.

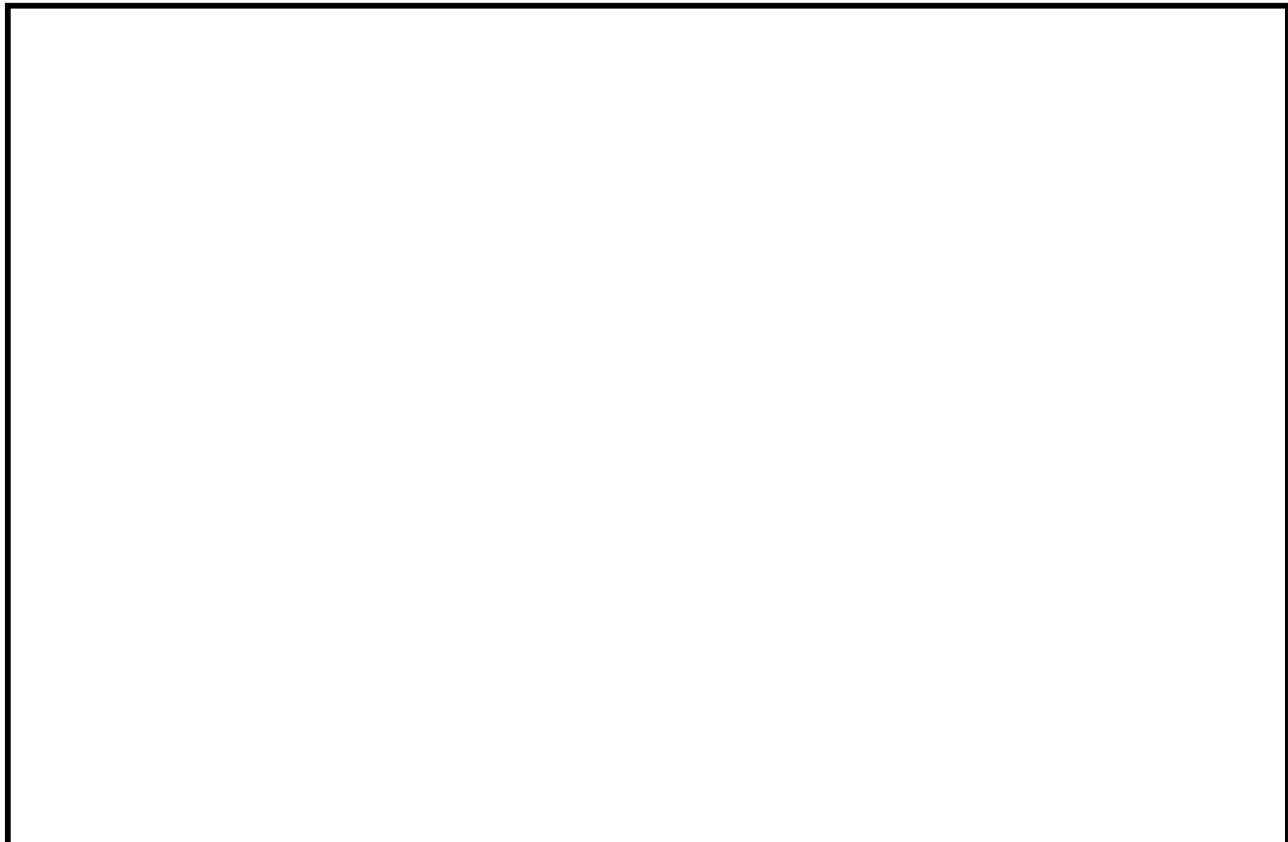
On May 16, 1951 the FBI Laboratory advised that two latent fingerprints developed on instant extortion letter were identified as prints of the subject, and it was also concluded in the specimens of subject's handwriting that the subject prepared instant extortion letter.

On May 17, 1951, the subject consented to be tried as a juvenile delinquent and an information was filed before United States Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, who appointed counsel and remanded the subject to the Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. On May 21, 1951, the subject was tried as a juvenile delinquent in the chambers of Judge INCH, and was found guilty. On May 24, 1951, Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sent for the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee Virginia.

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According to the FBI Identification Division,
subject, [redacted] has no previous criminal record.



The victim is described as follows:

Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Age	37
Marital Status	Married
Residence	Broad Hollow, Jericho, Long Island

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One disposition sheet on subject.
Three copies of parole report.

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REFERENCES

New York teletype to Bureau, 5/3/51
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5/5/51



DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

PAROLE REPORT

OUTLINE OF CRIMES

On May 2, 1951, at Elmont, New York, the subject, a youth fifteen years of age, mailed a letter to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, New York, directing VANDERBILT to appear at Gate 6 on May 10, 1951 and bring with him \$10,000 or be killed.

On May 17, 1951, subject was arraigned on an information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, as a juvenile delinquent, in violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. On May 21, 1951, subject was found guilty in a trial before Judge INCH, and on May 24, 1951 Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sentenced to the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The subject not only mailed an extortion note to the victim with a threat to kill him, but he also appeared at the scene of the pay-off and although he did not approach the victim directly, he acted in such a way as to draw attention to himself, and when he was picked up for questioning by agents of the FBI it was noted that he was carrying a

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Hopalong Cassidy cap pistol which, if drawn during the period of an evening when it is dusk, could have resembled a real revolver.

HISTORY OF THE DEFENDANT

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DIRECTOR URGENT

[REDACTED] - SUBJECT, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM, EXTORTION. SUBJECT TRIED AS A JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, AND FOUND GUILTY THIS DATE. SENTENCE TO BE IMPOSED MAY TWENTYFOURTH AT TEN AM.

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May 23, 1951

* CORBELL

Mr. Wm. C. Vanderbilt
The Standard Building
11 West 17th New York

Dear Mr. Vanderbilt:

I thank you for your note of May 17, 1951,
and for your excellent comments concerning the
manner in which our representatives conducted the
investigation of the recent extortion case in which
you were involved.

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful investigating as
you did all you could do in the case. We are pleased to
remove your obstructions whenever we can again
out of your way. Please do not hesitate to call upon
us.

Sincerely yours,

cc - New York

At the time ago Mr. Vanderbilt received an extortion
note from a fifteen year old boy and the case was brought to
a successful conclusion.

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R. Kennedy

MAY 25 1951

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ALFRED DWYNNE VANDERBILT
500 PARK AVENUE BUILDING
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 4-1102

May 17, 1941

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Schlesinger
Mr. Healy
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Hartman
Mr. Alden
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

THE HISTORY

I wanted you to know of my appreciation for the very efficient manner in which your organization handled the recent extortion case involving [REDACTED]. It gave a great feeling of security for my family and me to know this case handled so effectively.

I was very much impressed with the FBI personnel with whom I came in contact during the investigation. I think it is a tribute to you and the fine organization which you direct.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Alfred Vanderbilt
550 Madison Avenue
Alfred Vanderbilt

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[redacted]
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[redacted]

171st Street, Brooklyn - VICTIM
Title 17, FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

On your information, the above-captioned subject who was born [redacted] in Brooklyn, New York was arrested by [redacted] of this Bureau on May 21, 1951. He was charged with a violation of the Federal Juvenile Statute and remanded in lieu of trial to the Federal House of Detention in New York City, New York. [redacted] Probation Officer, [redacted] advised me over the wire immediately advised of this arrest.

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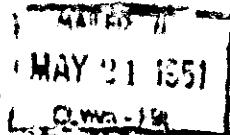
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Mr. Spencer J. Brayton
President
Thoroughbred Racing Protective
Agency, Inc.
20 Chequers Building
New York 1, New York

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I thank you for your very thoughtful note
of May 18, 1951, advising of your conversation with
Alfred E. Vanderbilt. You were kind in
calling to my attention his favorable comments on
the Bureau's handling of the recent extortion case
in which he was the victim.

I thought you might like to know that he
has also communicated with me in this same regard
and it was reassuring to have his observations.

Sincerely,

E. F. Clegg

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920 Chrysler Building
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Lauder	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Alden	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Laughlin	
Mr. Mohr	
Tel. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested to know that I have talked with Alfred Vanderbilt concerning the extortion case in which he was interested. He made many favorable comments in regard to the manner in which the FBI handled this investigation, and I am sure he is impressed with the efficiency of the Bureau under your direction.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,
I remain,

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Sincerely yours,

RECORDED. Spencer (Drayton)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
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[REDACTED] SUBJECT
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED]

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S-1672. Pursuant to your file

Five latent fingerprints on #1 and two latent
fingerprint on #2. Five latent fingerprints on #1
identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED]. Two
latent fingerprints on #2 identified as fingerprints of
subject [REDACTED]. No identification
could be located for [REDACTED].

Fingerprints submitted with urlet of May 4th
below and herewith.

This confirms datals of May 5 and 14, 1951.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: [REDACTED] Subject; File # 9-20514
ALFRKD GWINNE VANDERBILT, Victim
VIKEX Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of [REDACTED]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED] suspect, to
be compared with latents in case.

ENCLOSURE

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

New York

Field Division

2/1/52

(Date)

Title and Character of Case

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GWYNNE VANDERBILT - Victim

EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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Field Division File Number

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Bureau File Number

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Description of Property Being Held

1 toy cap gun

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

5/10/51 - incidental to arrest

Source from Which Property Acquired

Subject at time of arrest

Location of Property

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Exhibit Vault

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to
Dispose of It

To be destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS *LBN*
FROM : R. T. HARBO *RTH*
SUBJECT: *Re*

DATE: 9-19-53

Unsub;
Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Vic.
Extortion
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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section. *MR. REED, REC'D* *7-20514-25*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: [REDACTED] Subject:
ALFRED GWINNELL VANDERBILT, Victim
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LAP. FILE

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Date of reference communication: Int. 5-11-51

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

May 24, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by, New York

Reference Letter 5-21-51

Examination requested Document - Fingerprint

Specimens

Q1 in envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [REDACTED] Specimen Q2 is a fingerprint card of [REDACTED] still in combination.

It is concluded that [REDACTED] is prepared

the handwriting on Q1 and Q2.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimen K2J is returned herewith. Photo prints of some of the marks are retained in the files of the laboratory.

Inclining - 10 mm up 10 mm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheetb6
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Re: [REDACTED] ~~Suspect~~;
ARMED GUARD VANDERVILT, ~~Witness~~
VINCE

File # 9-20514
Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examinationKNO An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO
FBI LABORATORY

SAC, NEW YORK

May 11, 1951.

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[REDACTED] Subject;
ALFRED WINIFRED VANDERBILT, Victim
VIKEX

Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting contained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

There is also enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.

Autel results requested of examination.

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OPTIONAL FILE COPY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File # 1-1673
Lab. # 5-1314-A-J

Examination requested by: New York (A-1673)

Date of reference communication: 5-10-51

Date received: 5-10-51

Examination requested: a. fiber or print

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Specimen 1 - Date of 5-10-51, descr. n/a, own signature.

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May 14, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VIKEX.

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, CONCLUDED Q ONE AND A TWO WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TWO LETTERS FIVE WRITINGS ON C TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

W.M.T.
U.FNT
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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: New York

May 11, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. It does not confirm the supplement in Bureau letter 7-10000-1, 1951.

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Examination requested by:
New York

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 1673
FBI FILE NO. Q-20-14
LAB. NO. I-131766 14

Reference: Lab. exp. - 143

Examination requested: Scan - 1 finger imprint

Specimen:

B27 Fingerprint of the subject, K22, or [REDACTED] 0.10, Sterling, N.J.

Examination results:

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether a sample sent by Lab. exp. - 143, K22, or [REDACTED] Q-20-143090, which 4 features appear on his "Wunderlich" card, is to the best of my knowledge, not at all comparable with the specimen submitted.

Two latent fingerprints in 42 were compared with the sample sent by Lab. exp. - 143, but no identification was made.

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K22 L
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in the file.

Feature - A-1

AB - spiral

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERecorded
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khlLaboratory Work Sheet[Redacted]
Re: [Redacted]File # 4-2041
Lab. # D-13100b6
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Lab file

Examination requested by: New York (2-137)

Date of reference communication: Let -t-1

Date received: 5-10-51

Examination requested: [Redacted] report

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

[Redacted] Typist card cr. [Redacted]

[Redacted] bearing his/her signature.

Director, FBI
Att: Assistant Director ROLF T. HARBO,
FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York
VIKEX
LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

May 8, 1951

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There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [redacted], an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [redacted] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [redacted] also is an employee of the victim.

Incl. - 1

REGISTERED MAIL

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9-1673

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: File #
Lab. # 11-11-13
Date 11-11-13
In File Box

Examination requested by: 2010-00-00

Date of reference communication: 11/07/01 Date Received: 11/1

Examination requested:

Results of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

On 10 January 1942, Mr. John G. Tamm, a four-page letter dated 10 Jan 1942, was received by the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C., from the Commandant of the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. The letter advised that the Commandant had been directed by the Secretary of the Navy to forward to the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D.C., a copy of the letter of 10 January 1942, addressed to the Commandant, San Diego, California, and that the letter was being forwarded to the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D.C., on 10 January 1942.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

7-1

May 11, 1951

To: [unclear]

This is the report of the FBI Laboratory on the evidence received from your office on May 1, 1951. This report adds to and supplements the Bureau's previous report dated May 1, 1951.

Re:

MURKIN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

MO. REC'D. NO. 7-1
CH. REC'D. NO. 7-1011
SER. NO. 7-2,1913 IJ

Examination No. 1

Reference: 4-101-1-2

Examination Date: DC/EP

Specimens

1. A one-page letter written from Sept. 2, 1948, by "John Edgar Hoover" and a four-page letter dated April 1, 1951, by "John Edgar Hoover" in his own handwriting. Both letters were typed on "FBI Laboratory Record" and five carbon copies. It "Facing Stable" bearing "John Edgar Hoover".
2. One typed copy of "Vanderbilt Racing Stable Record" and one "Prestige Stable Record" all bearing "John Edgar Hoover".

Detail: [unclear]

18. [unclear] [unclear]

19. [unclear] [unclear]

20. [unclear] [unclear]

Note:

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of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled together.

In accordance with your request specimens #20 and #21 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Received 5/1/51 ph.

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: U.S. vs. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, JR. - VICTIM
MURDER

File # 1-52-11
Lab. # D-131913 DJ

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Examination requested by: SAC Baltimore 5-460

Date of reference communication: letter 5/1/51

Date Received: 5/1/51

Examination requested: Incident

Result of Examination:

Examination by

Specimens submitted for examination

On 5/1/51, received 5/1/51, a three-page letter written from A. G. Vanderbilt, Jr., to his father, Alfred E. Vanderbilt, New York, a four-page letter dated 3/23/51, all bearing the purported known writing of ALFRED E. VANDERBILT, JR. Also one copy of an "Employee's military record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr. - Inc. 1941" bearing the known signatures of ALFRED E. VANDERBILT, JR.

One copy headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr. - Inc. 1941", one copy of "Employee's military record", one copy "Employee's birth date, marriage certificate", all bearing the known signatures of ALFRED E. VANDERBILT, JR.

Return Evidence

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Director, F.B.I. ATTN. FBI LABORATORY,
SAC, Baltimore ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO

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URGENT, 100% URGENT. WILLIAM RILEY,
Victim
EXTORTION

To New York and Director and Balt. 5/7/1.

[REDACTED] furnished to [REDACTED] London, Md.,
furnished the following material which contains specimens of
the handwriting of "WEST R. J." and "WEST MURRAY":

1. A short letter dated 3/1/48 written from 624 Newberry
St., Philadelphia, Pa.; the salutation "Dear Friend"
and "I am enclosing." This letter bears a postscript [REDACTED] I
return it to you circa 1/16, 1947."

2. [REDACTED] a three-page letter from [REDACTED]

3. A four-page letter written by [REDACTED] and bearing the salutation
[REDACTED] written 1/1/51 from [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that the above three letters are reported to
have been written by WEST JAMES to [REDACTED] at the Jagamore
arms.

4. In addition to the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy
of the "Employee's History Record" bearing the signature of
WEST R. J. [REDACTED]

5. Five copies of yellow accountin-type paper headed "Alfred
Vanderbilt Line" table" which bears the signature of both
[REDACTED] These sheets are for travelling
expenses for the periods ending Jan. 15, 1951; Jan. 31, 1951;
Feb. 15, 1951; Mar. 27, 1951; and Mar. 15, 1951.

6. One copy of "Employee's History Record" bearing the signature
of [REDACTED]

7. "Employer's withholding exemption certificate" bearing the
signature of [REDACTED] W.H.V.

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cc: New York

Encls. REGISTERED MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Re: UNSUB, ALMA C YVET VANDERBILT
Victim
EXTORTION

The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an examination which has been requested by the New York Office.

[redacted] who furnished the above material, requested that all of it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST J. D. and LESTER ISHWAY.

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" Mr. Winder left 11th
Feb 1st 1861. came
back to town 11th Ap.

" Mr. Miller & Doctor W.
Dr. Bent James A.
Leaving Mr. W. D.
Mr. Wm. Moore left town
" " " "

" Mr. Miller -
" " " "

MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNKNOWN, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT; VIXEN. REURLED MAY EIGHT. DEFICATE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ZERO AS SIGNATURES ON THE FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPAREABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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MAY 4, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

RE: FBI; ALLEGED CYCLOPS VANDERBILT - VITEX. REURLETT MAY THRU
NO TO IDENTIFICATION REQUESTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.
PARTITION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CUSTODIAL PROPERTY CONTAINED IN PAPER U
SINGLES. NO MARK IN ENVELOPE NUMBER. LETTER TO MR
WILLIAM GOLDBECK, FBI LABORATORY PRINTS BY FINGER
PRINTS AND LIP MARKS. LETTER TALKS ABOUT THE
MURKIN CASE, WHICH IS NOT RELATED TO THIS CASE.
LETTER SAYS "I DON'T WANT THEM TO GET ME INTO
TROUBLE".
FBI WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
131006 17
2741000
END WT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Case No.: 100-10000

Re:

File # 100-10000
Lab. # 100-10000

Examination requested by: FBI - NEW YORK

Date of reference communication:

Date Received:

Examination requested: FINGERPRINTS

Result of Examination:

Examination by: FBI - NEW YORK

Specimens submitted for examination

(Also submitted: Interprint cards of EDWARD G. RICE, JR. and JOHN G. KELLY)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 5/7/51 phr

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ALFRED GENEVIE VANDENBILT--VICTIM
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Lab. # P-131722 DJLab File

Examination requested by: (AJ, New York 9-167)

Date of reference communication: letter 5/4/51

Date Received: 5/5/51

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Fingerprint card of the following individuals bearing their known handwriting:

K1 ALBERT ALBERT JAMES

K5 ALBERT M. McROBBY

Also submitted: Fingerprint cards of [redacted]

Director, FBI

May 4, 1951

SAC, New York Att. Asst. Dir. Harbo,
FBI Laboratory

UNSUB;
ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

ReNYlet to Bureau, 5/3/51, enclosing extortion
letter addressed to victim.

There are enclosed applicant fingerprint cards
bearing signatures of the following individuals who are
employed in the victim's stables at Belmont Park Race
Track, Elmont, New York:

ROBERT ERNEST JAMES



LAWRENCE MURRAY



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It is requested that the handwriting contained on
the fingerprint cards of the above-mentioned individuals be
compared with the handwriting in instant letter and that any
latent prints developed from instant letter also be compared
with the prints contained on the enclosed cards.

Relet was handled by [redacted]
at the victim's stables, and [redacted]

[redacted] There are enclosed fingerprint cards for each of
these individuals for elimination purposes.

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D-131727 DJ

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Letter to Director
NY 9-1673

It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY Office inasmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Detective Association.

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15. Lester Miller

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5.92 - 1.50 = 4.42 ^{2nd}

4.42 - 1.50 = 2.92 ^{1st}

2.92 - 1.50 = 1.42 ^{2nd}

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1 and 42 returned 5/5/51 p.m.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: New York

May 5, 1951

Enclosed herewith is the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from our office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the laboratory report of May 4, 1951.

Re: Victim Subject
J. A. VANDERKAM, JR.
PELUX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

Reference

DN - 45

B-131696 45

Examination requested

Letter dated 4-3-51

Specimen

Envelope - 1st impression

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

1. Envelope addressed to J. A. VANDERKAM, Belmont Acactrack, Belmont, Mass., dated April 3, 1951, postmarked by 3, 1951, 7:30 AM. 2. Accompanying letter reading "Dear Mr. A. VANDERKAM You will see 'no joke....' on page 1, 1951, 7:30 AM. this is no joke."

Results of test analysis

1 and 2 were compared with the appropriate sections of the photograph of the letter, affecting an identification. Photographic copies of these documents are being added to this file for future reference or comparison purposes.

1 is a light cream colored style of envelope which is white in color, with a double lined flap on the inside. This lining has white stitching around it is a regular envelope. This envelope contains a postmark dated April 7, 1951, which is a rectangular mark. No 8 and 9 are also on this envelope. This evidence was received by the laboratory.

2 is a card of cream colored paper with a heavy black border. The card is made of paper having a fragrant watermark which appears to be the name "MAY" which is used on most of the paper printed by the United States Government.

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41 and 42 were treated for latent fingerprints by the [redacted]
[redacted] and you will be advised separately regarding the results of
the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated
[redacted] much as this process would alter the original
evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change
in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In
the event 41 and 42 are not returned to the subject, you may desire
to submit them to the laboratory in order that they may be treated
for latent fingerprints by [redacted]

Specimens 41 and 42 are returned herewith. Photographic copies
of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. G.

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My dear G. & Mrs. G.

I am very

much obliged to you

for your kind

and considerate

letter.

I am

very

much obliged to you

for your kind

and considerate

letter.

Yours very truly

John G. G.

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x 7.47 x .0045
show -
at 3.511 ft.

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2140 207

a seasonal low tide
was hit right here
many years ago.
now, it is at approx. 10' depth. It may
not have yet.

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x 21.3-214 x .0036
show 1.141 ft.
at 3.511 ft.

1151 208
2140 208
x 21.3-214 x .0036
show 1.141 ft.
at 3.511 ft.

1151 209
2140 209

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Director, FBI
Att: Ass't Dir. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York

May 3, 1951

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ALFRED GYNN VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Racetrack, Elmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont race-track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OCTOBER 16, 1953

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC
NEW YORK

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. LATENT FINGER-PRINT DEVELOPED
IN COMMITTED EXTORTION NOTE. CONFIRMED.

HOOVER

MR TEL

J-2-JJK

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dicted mailed from
Ident 10-16-53
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L.R.V.

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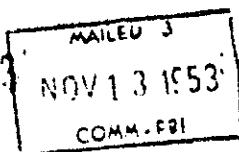
SAC, NEW YORK MAIL

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALFRED G. VANDENBILT, VIKEX. ADVISE STATUS
OF INVESTIGATION. SUAIRTEL, SUREP BY NOVEMBER 25, 1953.

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DECEMBER 7, 1964

TELETYPE

SAC, NEW YORK
U. S. ATTORNEY

URGENT

[REDACTED] EXTORTION. TO NEW YORK TEL

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DECEMBER 7, 1964. RE: L. T. BOYLE, A. REFLCT NEW YORK DIVISION

COMMODORE J. V. STICK, IN CONCERNING [REDACTED]

UNDER EXTORTION STATUTE IN N.Y. LAW ALLEGEDLY VANDERBILT
WAS VICTIM. HURMAN, HOLLOWAY BEING IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT
IN TEL, ACT. FIFTEEN, OF APRIL FIFTYONE, WHO SENTENCED
TO 24 MONTHS, FIFTYONE, IN BONY FOR PERIOD OF MURDER.

BOYD TEL ADVISED SUBJECT NOT UNDER SUPERVISION OF
STATE AND ALLEGEDLY UNDER SUPERVISION WOULD BE UNDER JURISDICTION
OF NEW YORK DISTRICT NY. NEW YORK DIVISION IMMEDIATELY
SECURE ALLEGEDLY RUMBLE P. C. AS PROBATION VIOLATOR AND
APPROPRIATELY CALL NEW HAVEN.

HOLLOWAY

C. ALBERT (CC: L)

9-20-14

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RECEIVED AT U.S. MAIL ROOM
FBI - NEW YORK

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FBI - NEW YORK

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DECEMBER 8, 1954 AIRTEL

WAC, NEW YORK MAIL

[REDACTED] INFORMATION. SEE L. CRK

1. FROM NOVEMBER 7, 1A T, AND UNTIL DECEMBER 7, 1A T.

2. A PLATE OF ARTICLE AND CHECKED RECORD AND ADVISED
TODAY THAT [REDACTED] AS UNDER SUPERVISION OF THAT
INVESTIGATOR AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF SUBJECT
IS RETURNED TO THE INVESTIGATIVE OFFICER AT BROOKLYN, N.Y.
3. SUBJECT IS NOT AN ALLEGED MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY
OR COMMUNIST INFLUENCED ORGANIZATION.

4. PLEASE REPLY [REDACTED]

HOOVER

CC: W. C. GAYNOR
CC: ALBANY

MEMO: H. H.

ABE:acb
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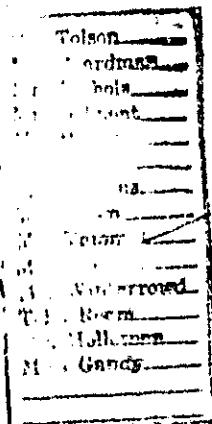
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WASH 1 FROM NEW YORK

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DIRECTOR URGENT



EXTORTION. FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED
FROM ALBANY THIS DATE, "NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTION RECEIVED
TELETYPE TODAY FROM STRATFORD, CONN. TELETYPE NO. TWO FIVE EIGHT,
FILE THIRTEEN, ADVISING HOLDING ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT. CLAIMS TO BE
ON PROBATION FOR EXTORTION.

NO RECORD ALBANY. NO RECORD NYC. BUREAU PLEASE ADVISE.

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tammy T.

SE 2

KELLY

ALBANY AND NEW HAVEN ADV BY MATT

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NY R DFG WA 15 NOV 1954

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Egan
Mr. Felt
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Nease
Mr. Edwards

WASH 7 FROM NEW YORK 3 3-30 P
DIRECTOR URGENT

[REDACTED] EXTORTION. REBUFILE NINE DASH TWO ZERO

FIVE ONE FOUR AND DUTEL TO NY DEC. SEVEN LAST.

PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT, EDNY, ADVISES [REDACTED] PAROLEE MAY TWENTY SEVEN, FIFTY TWO FROM NATIONAL BRIDGE CAMP, GREENLAW, VIRGINIA. PV WARRANT ISSUED OCT. THIRTY, FIFTY TWO AND SUBJ RETURNED TO CUSTODY AFTER ARREST AT VAS IN ORANGEBURG NY, PV. PAROLEE AGAIN NOV. NINE, FIFTY THREE UNDER SUPERVISION, EDNY TO APRIL FOURTEEN, FIFTY SEVEN. [REDACTED] b6
QUIT IC, RYE, NY, DEC. TWO, LAST. VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED DEC. [REDACTED] b7C FIVE TO STAMFORD, CONN. ID AS PV. NO PV WARRANT OUTSTANDING.

[REDACTED] RELEASED DEC. SEVEN. RETURNED VOLUNTARILY TO SUPERVISION, EDNY, DEC. EIGHT. [REDACTED] SENT HOME BY [REDACTED] WHO IS SUBMITTING REPORT, BOARD OF PAROLE, WASHINGTON, DC. JURISDICTION HAVING HEARING TO REVOKE PAROLE VESTED SOLELY IN BOARD. FOR INFO".

[REDACTED] SENTENCED EDNY, MAY TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY ONE AS JUVENILE, URGENT FOR TERM OF AIGRITY FOR EXTORTION ATTEMPT ON ALFRED ALVIN KARPIS.

Mr. P. [REDACTED]

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Boy, 15, Arrested in \$10,000 Extortion Plot on Vanderbilt

After being questioned, a boy captured was arrested yesterday morning in New York City during the investigation of a plot to kidnap the son of Mr. Vanderbilt, president of the Standard Oil Company, and to demand \$10,000 in ransom. The FBI said yesterday that the boy, identified as James Edward H. Miller, 15, of one Franklin Street, Bronx, N.Y., was captured at his home in Flushing, N.Y. The boy was captured because he was the negotiator in the plot, it was said. The note was addressed to the boy's father, James E. Miller, who received the letter at his office at the Standard Oil Building, 11 Vanderbilt. The spokesman said that the boy is the son of Frank Miller, a director of the Belmont Yacht Club, and also of the Maryland Jockey Club, both horse racing and carry clubs.

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F. B. I. Seizes Boy With Toy Gun For Vanderbilt Extortion Threat

In a day marked by the utmost more than twenty armed agents secret, a frightened 15-year-old hidden near-by when the deadline Nassau County schoolboy was arrived. The youngster was hid-brought into Brooklyn Federal building in the bushes.

Court yesterday to face a charge. The boy admitted that he had of seeking to extort \$10,000 from written the note. His parents were Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, society notified and he was permitted to and race track figure. go home with them overnight. He

The youngster, whose identity was directed to return to the office was withheld, had sent a letter to Mr. United States Attorney Mr. Vanderbilt threatening to take Frank J. Parker in Brooklyn yes-

the sportsman's life if the money terday, was not forthcoming. He had only For three hours, the youngster was questioned by Mr. Parker, a toy pistol on him when arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau Assistant United States Attorney Philip J. Hirsch and two F. B. I. of Investigation on Thursday night. But he was sent to the Federal House of Representatives last night when agents. He said he got his idea he failed to post the \$1,000 after seeing Mr. Vanderbilt's pic-ture in a racing magazine.

Mr. Parker said that he had requested special quarters for the youngster at the Federal House of Representatives after an arrangement Edward H. Fox.

Mr. Vanderbilt received the note on May 3. He might face the formal charge of attempting to leave the money near date of the Belmont Race Track the boy could be sentenced to on Thursday at 8 P. M. The twenty years in prison and be, F. B. I. took no chances. It had fined \$5,000.

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FBI Seizes Boy Trying to Levy on A. G. Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (UPI).—A 15-year-old boy has been arrested on charges of threatening the life of wealthy sportsman Alfred G. Vanderbilt in an attempt to extort \$10,000 from him, Federal officials said today.

FBI agents seized the youth at Belmont race track, where Vanderbilt was instructed in a note to bring the money.

They found a toy gun on the boy.

On direction of United States Attorney Frank Parker, FBI agents turned the youth over to his parents last night. Officials refused to reveal the boy's name.

United States Commissioner Edward Fay ordered him held today under \$1,500 bond on charges of violating the Juvenile Delinquency Act rather than on charges of extortion.

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Youth Is Seized After Threat To Kill Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—A 15-year-old boy who intended to extort \$10,000 from wealthy sportsman Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt at Belmont race track on threat of killing him has been arrested, the FBI announced today.

The youth was arrested last night. His identity was not released. He was placed in his attorney's custody pending possible court action.

Carries Toy Cap Pistol

Forward E. Schedit, special agent for the New York FBI, said he now had a letter May 3 demanding the money from Vanderbilt. The pay-off was to be at gates of Belmont race track at 8 p.m. on May 11.

He had dressed in a blue sweater and blue jeans and carried a toy cap pistol, he added near the gate.

He admitted writing the note, and said he got the idea after seeing Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing magazine two weeks ago, Schedit reported.

Schedit said the note read in part:

"If you tell anyone, I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you."

"This Is No Joke"

In note a postscript saying: "This is no joke."

The boy lives in Elmont, N.Y., near the track.

The note was handed to the track and received later by Vanderbilt. The sportsman is a director of the Belmont track and also of the Maryland Jockey Club.

Police said the boy was known to them as James C. Smith.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt is the son of the late Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt who died in the sinking of the Lusitania and Mrs. Margaret Egerton, Bronx Settlementer.

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Boy and Cap Gun Fail to Get Cash From Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—A boy at gunpoint held off FBI men as he held a cap pistol in hand at Belmont Park, today was held as an extortor who threatened to kill Alfred Grayson, Vanderbilt's press agent.



The boy, identified as John Edward Clegg, 16, of Belmont Park, was the man who forced his way into the home of Grayson, 60, and held him for two hours.

The boy, who was captured by FBI agents in Brooklyn, said that Vanderbilt would be killed if he shot with a community or a group of him, trapping them partly or all of the time.

Agents said the blue-clad boy was lucky he was not shot to death. In the failing light, he was difficult to spot. Had he made a move with the cap pistol, he would have been the first of the FBI men to know they were dealing.

"This Is No Joke"

"I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I want," read a letter received by Vanderbilt a few days ago. It fixed the meeting place and bore a postscript which said "This is no joke."

The boy's name also was withheld.

Vanderbilt is president of the International Boxing Association of the United States and resident at Belmont Park and country club.

He is a well-known public figure, a boxer, and is a member of the Belmont Park racing track. From time a number of times, he was never before in serious trouble with authorities.

Had Read About Him

After his capture, he was quizzed by the FBI men for two hours, then was taken home. His mother sat up all night with him. At noon today he was taken to the U. S. attorney's office in Manhattan, where he was questioned for more than an hour. Then, in Brooklyn, the U. S. attorney questioned the boy for three hours. From it all came a statement that the boy got the idea of attempting to get the money from Vanderbilt from reading about him.

The charge against him is juvenile delinquency in that he mailed a threatening letter seeking to extort money. He was held in \$1,000 bail to await action of a federal judge next week.

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Extort Boy Faces 20 Yrs.

"Special quarters at the Federal House of Detention were provided overnight for a 13-year-old Negro boy, who admitted a \$10,000 (US) ransom demand."

Afred G. Clegg, Vanderbilt, ex-city and race-track notable, had received an extortion note on May 3 which threatened his life. The boy, armed with a big pistol, was seized Thursday at Belmont Race Track. If convicted, the boy faces 16 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

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**Boy, 15, With Cap Pistol, Seized
In Vanderbilt Extortion Threat**

Eighth-Grader Who Demanded \$10,000 on Pain of Death Is Trapped by 20 Agents at Belmont

A letter-writer of eight-grade: The letter, one of the millions sent to the Belmont Park yesterday, was held up by the FBI agents who followed the race. It was written by a man who identified himself as Edward E. Smith, agent of the New York F. B. I., and addressed to Belmont Park's track manager, George Greyson Vanderbilt. The letter, which was signed "John Doe," threatened to blow up the track if the letter was published. The letter was signed "John Doe," and was addressed to Belmont Park's track manager, George Greyson Vanderbilt. The letter, which was signed "John Doe," threatened to blow up the track if the letter was published.

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the state. Under his command, Agent Hoover,
had been given a license of violent, but of the F. B. I. long before
the Bonus Depreciation Act was approved, and on Thursday
had obtained extension, and in its name, agents were posted
in many of the states, commanding every avenue of approach to
Washington with intent to arrest the leaders. One agent had a
sum of twenty years' purchase, so that he could stop for-
ward payment of \$5,000 fine or ward in the sole of Mr. Vanderbilt.
H. Bradley was not released when the extension order arrived.

Just before 6 p. m. the blond agent identified F. B. I. agents boy, 5 feet 2 inches tall, wearing a white shirt, the outside of the a blue sweater and blue jeans and a black cap. He had armed with a toy cap pistol, was seen to approach Mr. Vans' car which was already near the gate of the racetrack. It was reported which he had been watching for Mr. Vans and Mr. Valancourt for some time. "It made us feel very afraid a hand-written letter ad-silly," one of the F. B. I. agents said. "We left at the racetrack, of on the scene recalled yesterday, and we're still there."

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He said he had never written the note, though he had done some card work.

Police advised Mr. Schmid said, before the boy admitted writing the note and said he got the idea of writing it after seeing Mr. Vanderbilt's picture in a racing calendar two weeks ago. He said

when Mr. Vanderbilt had money probably come to him a week and he had made popular "I would that in the meantime Conrad Parker the spokesman was off

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Fingerprints were taken. Mr. Vanderbilt, who was in to keep his identity secret and only Baltimore yesterday, could not be reached immediately for comment.

mother, two F. B. I. agents and a clerk were present at the arraignment before Commissioner Fay.

Mr. Fay advised the youth of his rights and asked him to say in what he had done. Besides, Mr. Fay asked a not guilty plea to the charge of mail

bombing. The boy agreed. United States Marshal E. C. J. Connelly, who took him to the Federal Court of Detention, 247 West Street, Mr. Parker directed that the boy be segregated from adult prisoners

Mr. Parker said the case would be over in a week and that in the meantime Conrad Parker, chief production officer

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Boy in Vanderbilt Threat Convicted; Faces 20 Years

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Yours very truly
John D. Lothrop

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